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Honorable Joseph H. Rodriguez  
United States District Judge  
Mitchell H. Cohen Courthouse  
One John F. Gerry Plaza  
Camden, New Jersey 08101

Re: United States v. Matthew Burney  
Crim No. 18-606 (JHR)

Dear Judge Rodriguez:

It has recently come to my attention the above captioned defendant has written a pro-se motion for compassionate release under 18 § 3624(c)(2), or some other post-conviction relief. It is counsel's intent to review this motion and decide its merits and viability for the Court's consideration. Counsel is requesting additional time to confer with the defendant, assess the motion and either file it anew with counsel, or advise the defendant to proceed as is.

I have presented the need for more time with the government before they file a response to the current pro-se motion, and they have no objection.

Thank you for your consideration with the above and if you have any questions regarding this matter do not hesitate to contact me

Respectfully,

/s/ *Christopher O'Malley*

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cc: Norman Gross, AUSA  
Matthew Burney

SO ORDERED this 23rd Day of June, 2020.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
HON. JOSEPH H. RODRIGUEZ